

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Andre Johan Taljaard  
Serial No. : 10/520,231  
For : MEDICAL TUBE RETAINING DEVICE  
Filed : January 4, 2005  
Examiner : Mai, Hao D  
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Confirmation No. : 5104

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10151

**October 13, 2009**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2009, having an extended period for response ending October 13, 2009 (October 10, 2009 being a Saturday and October 12, 2009 being Columbus Day). Applicants submit herewith an electronic payment of \$555.00 (small entity). Please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.